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Housing plan for former 999 site

A FORMER ambulance station in Halesowen could be demolished and replaced with seven homes, under plans submitted this week.

Knarsboro Homes Ltd has applied to Dudley Council to build the houses at the site of the station.

The station is priced by West Midlands Ambulance Service at £240,000 and is one of 10 put up for sale in the Black Country as part of the Make Ready Scheme.

The £8 million project will see some of the service's stations closed and replaced with smaller alternatives.

The planning application submitted for Halesowen's closed station, Old Hawne Lane, follows a proposal to turn Oldbury's former ambulance station into a motor vehicle repair and maintenance workshop.

In a supporting statement, Knarsboro Homes said: "West Midlands Ambulance Service will benefit primarily from the proceeds of the property sale, but will also be rid of the burden of disproportionately high commercial rates and the general running costs of operating from an old building."

However, ambulance service spokesman Chris Kowalik said the programme was not focused on cost-cutting.

He said the project will leave the service with 17 more stations.

Florist gets in Net guide

A DUDLEY florist has been accepted into an internet directory naming the best flower shops in the UK.

Staff at Daisy Chain, in Kingswinford, are celebrating after the shop was entered into the Good Florist Guide.

Images of the shop, in Townsend Place, also had to be submitted with design work.

Shop spokesman Brenda Hale said: "We are delighted to be accepted into the Good Florist Guide."

CENTRE TO CASH IN ON OLYMPICS

by Heather Large

MERRY Hill shopping centre will be open for longer on Sundays throughout the summer to cash in on the Olympics as a boom in visitors is expected in the country, bosses have revealed. The Brierley Hill centre will be open to shoppers for two hours longer on Sundays during the Games.

Hit-and-run driver took father's car

A HIT-AND-RUN driver, who injured a 12 year old girl, took his father's car without permission to get something to eat, a court heard.

Daniel Lea had been to McDonald's and was trying to get home before his meal got cold when he hit the girl, the court heard.

The 21-year-old, of Belbroughton Road, Stourbridge, had gone to his father's place of work and taken the keys from a communal room without him knowing, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

He left the girl at the scene and drove off before later admitting what he had done, the court heard.

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said, he bought a meal and "wanted to get home before it got cold", said Mr Truelove.

But while driving along Moor Street in Brierley Hill he hit the pedestrian.

The girl suffered bruising to her lower back and grazes on her arms on November 28 last year, the court heard.

He dumped the car in Foxdale Drive, Brierley Hill, said Mr Truelove.

Lea admitted driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, using a car without insurance and failing to stop after an accident.

Mr Truelove told the court Lea had previous convictions for driving offences.

The case was adjourned by magistrates to prepare a pre-sentence report.

The Government has relaxed the Sunday trading laws to help boost trade during the Olympics, when it is estimated more than one million people will visit the UK.

Chancellor George Osborne first proposed emergency legislation so large shops in England and Wales can trade for more than six hours in his budget.

The laws have been suspended for eight weekends from July 22 during the Olympics and Paralympics.

Merry Hill will be open between 10am and 6pm from July 22 and September 9, instead of 11am until 5pm.

Westfield, which owns the centre, says it will be running special events and hosting entertainment during the summer.

Centre manager Lucas Ross said: "Department stores and speciality stores will be open and we anticipate shoppers will love the extra flexibility to shop later on Sundays during this time."

Longer

The Bullring in Birmingham will open for an extra three hours during the Games.

The weekday opening hours will remain the same but the centre will be opening longer on Sundays between July 29 and September 9, from 10am until 7pm, instead of 11am until 5pm.

Meanwhile bosses at both the Mander Centre and the Wulfrun Centre in Wolverhampton said they were also considering extending their opening hours.

Wolverhampton's Mander Centre director Nicholas Pitt said the venue was in discussions with tenants about extended opening hours.

He said: "We are looking at what can be done so our tenants can capitalise on trade. "For some it might not make sense, depending on costs involved with remaining open."

"We hope to make an announcement in the next few days."

Stars turn out for good cause



Deputy Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch with TV presenter Suzi Perry

WOLVES legend Steve Bull, soul diva Beverley Knight and TV presenter Suzi Perry lined up alongside thousands of fundraisers for an annual charity trek near Dudley.

Comedian Nick Hancock, singer Jacqui Graham and former Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray were also at Himley Park for the second annual Walk of the Black Country.

More than £100,000 is expected to be raised from the event, for Wolverhampton charity Promise Dreams. The charity grants wishes for seriously ill children.

Around 4,600 people took part in the 10-



From left, "118" girls Sarah Blears, and Holly Whitlock, both aged 16, from Halesowen

mile walk from Himley to Dunstall racecourse. Bull said: "The number of people here is fantastic. It's some doing to get so many people here on a Sunday morning."

Many people dressed up on the day including friends Tom Willis, Gian Polito, Michelle Jones and Hayley Pinison. The group raised more than £400.

Betting shop worker Ms Jones, aged 42, of Albany Crescent in Bilston, said: "It was a great day and there was a lot of buzz." Matt Ramsbottom, of Free Radio which organised the walk, said numbers were more than 1,000 up on last year.

Planners backing new £4m practice

PROPOSALS for a £4 million health centre serving up to 6,000 patients in Dudley have received the backing of planners.

The new centre would be built on a former petrol station in Pensnett.

The plans were put forward by the primary care trust NHS Dudley.

A hand car wash has been using the site, in High Oak, in recent months but this would make way for the complex.

The site would be flattened with a new two-storey building constructed.

Dudley Council's planning officers have recommended the scheme for approval when it goes before councillors next week.

It would be open from 7am to 6.30pm Mondays to Fridays and 8am to 10am on Saturdays.

Extended hours of 8pm could also be introduced twice a week.

A new library link service is also part of the plans with residents being able to lend books.

They would also have access to a community room.

But the building's main purpose would be as a base for Dr Skilbeck Ab and Partners GP practice, which is currently located in a temporary centre off Pensnett High Street.

Vandal-hit pub will go

AN EMPTY pub will be demolished to make way for 10 new homes.

The Old Park Inn, Middepark, Dudley, has been closed more than two years ago.

In that time it has become an easy target for thieves and vandals.

This week, however, work will finally start on bulldozing the site to make way for developers to begin on approved plans for the three-bedroom homes.

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Bullying robber jailed for seven years

A BULLY who terrorised a woman during an attempted robbery at her home and stole from a teenage paperboy has been jailed for seven years.

James Hinton entered the home of Alison Jones and demanded £20, before they became involved in a brief struggle. After leaving the house, 25-year-old Hinton returned and punched in a door, causing shards of glass to hit her face. A

week later Hinton, of Central Drive, Gornal, stole a bike worth £400 from a 16-year-old paperboy, using a knife. He was jailed for seven years after pleading guilty to robbery, attempted robbery and causing criminal damage at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Recorder Abigail Nixon told him she would extend his licence on release from custody by a further three years to protect the public.

She told Hinton, who had complained of being intimidated while being held in custody: "You are a bully so perhaps you are getting a taste of your own medicine."

"You picked on those people who are unlikely to fight back and it is clear you targeted this woman and the young lad. You are a bully and a coward," Hinton, she added, had seven previous convictions for robbery on his record and his latest

crimes had been committed within days of his release from custody.

The Recorder, said: "You have learned absolutely nothing at all from your prison sentences." She warned Hinton: "If you continue in this vein you are going to spend the rest of your life in prison."

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, had told the court that money was the motivation behind his latest offending.

Let's be a big borough not a city, says leader

DUDLEY Council's new leader says the borough should ditch the idea of becoming a city and concentrate instead on building on the area's 'unique diversity'.

Councillor David Sparks said the borough should instead concentrate on creating links with neighbouring authorities to attract funding for growth from the European Commission and Government.

Restructure is needed for council, says chief

THE NEW leader of Dudley Council says his first priority in office is to restructure its committee system to better reflect the borough's residents.

Councillor David Sparks wants to ditch the current system of five area committees and replace it with more committees to better represent each 'independent' community.

He believes the existing system is based on artificial boundaries.

The Labour councillor said: "I think the current system is wrong, I think local communities are best represented by local councillors who are free to discuss local issues."

"Dudley is different from other places, we have so many different towns and villages, each with their own history and with fierce local identities."

"Why can't we have committees for not just the towns, but also villages which residents can be facing very different issues than those in neighbouring towns. I think such a move would give residents a greater say - it would enrich democracy." A scrutiny panel will look into restructuring the system.

He also said the borough's four main towns had a "unique diversity" which did not lend itself to a city.

His comments come three months after the borough lost out on a bid to become a city to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor Sparks, who took the helm at the council when Labour swept to power in the May elections, said: "I would rather Dudley be a big borough than become a city."

"When the campaign was on earlier this year we had feedback from people in towns like Halesowen and Stourbridge who said they did not identify themselves with Dudley as a city."

"I agree with that. The 'unique diversity' in the borough would not be a city."

Rebrand

"Instead, what we need to do is rebrand the borough."

"Dudley should be far more involved in establishing a sub-regional partnership and helping create a better West Midlands profile."

"We need to work together as councils to attract European and Government funding."

The borough, which has a population of more than 300,000, had hoped to follow in the footsteps of Wolverhampton and become a city when applying last year.

But Dudley only had the support of a petition signed by 1,300 people.

Former council leader Les Jones, said: "I think it would have been a good idea."

Continental visitors to school



Deputy head Tracy Curnin, front, welcomes teachers from seven European countries

EUROPEAN visitors to a Dudley school said it was the best they had visited and the level of discipline among pupils was high.

A total of 32 teachers from across Europe visited Peters Hill Primary School, Peters Mill Road, as part of a school partnership scheme.

The teachers, who came from Italy, Latvia, Romania and Spain, spent the day

talking to students and observing lessons, before heading to the Black Country Museum. Headteacher Rebecca Garratt said: "The teachers thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the school and I was told it was the best they had visited."

"They were particularly impressed with the level of discipline, which they said was better than in schools elsewhere in Europe."

Calling for action on crumbling town pub

A PUB on a gateway into Dudley has been left to go to rack and ruin, says a ward councillor.

Alan Finch says he is disgusted by the appearance of the King Arthur pub.

He says the building, which has planning permission for a 70-bedroom hotel, is blighted by crumbling paint and brickwork and is surrounded by overgrown grass.

He said: "It is in a shocking state. It looks terrible when you turn off the Birmingham New Road into Priory Road. It's one of the gateways into Dudley but it's not giving people a very good impression."

"A hotel was going to be built there but it has never come to fruition. It's a shame it's been left to go to rack and ruin. It looks very run down."

The pub had been put up for sale in 2010 by owner and landlord Amrinder Sandhu.

Councillor Finch says it still opens for business from time to time and he has contacted the council's planning department to see what can be done.

Mr Sandhu was granted planning permission for the £3.5million hotel project in April 2010.

Litter picks organised

LITTER picks will be held on two estates in the Dudley borough.

Residents are being invited to take part in the events on the Tanhouse estate, Halesowen and the area surrounding St Paul's Community & Learning Centre, Brierley Hill.

The Halesowen litter pick takes place on June 16 at 10am while volunteers in Brierley Hill should meet on June 23 at 10am.

Bags, high visibility jackets, litter pickers and gloves will be provided.

Pirates coming

A PIRATE-themed fundraising event is taking place on the River Severn in Bewdley on July 4 at 4.30pm.

The annual event sees a large group of pirates travel by the Severn Valley Railway to Arley where they get into canoes and head toward Bewdley.

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Cash for fields is on offer

SCHOOLS and community groups are being urged to bid for funding which could transform playing fields, claims and MP.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has written to schools and community groups urging them to apply for a share of the cash.

The Sport England money has been earmarked to help schools bring disused fields back into use or improve fields which are used regularly.

Money from the Protecting Playing Fields fund can also be used to help schools buy new land and is worth between £20,000 and £50,000 per project.

Cash will be given to 400 projects and Mr Austin hopes Dudley schools will win a share it when it is doled out.

He said: "This money could transform playing fields across the area."

"It could make an awful lot of difference to sports facilities. Putting playing fields back into use is vital if we want to encourage more kids to take up sports and keep fit and healthy."

Ellowes Hall School, Lower Gornal, has just built a fantastic new sports hall and this scheme could help other schools in Dudley.

Brass bands in the parks

PARKS across the Dudley borough will be filled with the sound of brass bands this summer during free concerts.

Musicians will be entertaining visitors on Sundays. Shows will be held in Himley Park, Stevens Park in Quarry Bank and Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge.

Alverley Village Band will be performing in the grounds of Himley Hall on June 24, followed by the AD Concert Band on July 22 and August 5.

Paul Drakeley and the All-stars Band take to the bandstand at Mary Stevens Park on July 8 and July 29.

Charity golf day

A CHARITY golf day will be raising money for two Midland hospices next month.

Jully Edge, organiser of the Bromsgrove Business Breakfast Club, is hosting the event at Stourbridge Golf Club.

It will take place on July 9 and teams of four are now being invited to sign up.

Ex-gang member takes place in BB house



Adam Kelly

A former gang member who lives in Dudley is one of the housemates in this year's Big Brother.

Adam Kelly, aged 27, entered the famous house during the launch show broadcast last week.

Mr Kelly was born in Burton-on-Trent but raised on the streets of Los Angeles where he became a member of the infamous LA Crips gang. He now lives in Dudley.

He says the best experience of his life was getting clean, sober and back on the straight and narrow.

Mr Kelly has previously worked as a mentor for young people in the United States and now wants to do the same for young people with drug and alcohol problems in the UK.

Mr Kelly wore a black outfit and grey beanie hat as he entered the Big Brother house and was keen to pose for photos before going inside.

On the show viewers were told he has 14 sisters, loves fried chicken and one of his aims is to milk a cow.

Mr Kelly said during his time in the house he was most looking

forward to the tasks and wanted to take on the role of leader.

He joined 16 other contestants to enter the Big Brother house, along with Lydia Louisa, 25, a professional dancer who is engaged to Andy Scott-Lee, brother of Steps member Lisa Scott-Lee, and 23-year-old Deana Uppal, from Birmingham, who holds the title of Miss India UK.

Early prices from bookmakers put Mr Kelly at eighth favourite to win with odds at 16-1.

The favourite is 31-year-old South

African Luke Anderson, at 5-1.

The show began with Miss Uppal selected at random to be the first in the house and to pick three people to face eviction.

After the rest of the new housemates had entered she chose ex-glamour model Victoria Eismann, personal trainer Conor McIntyre, 24, and Miss Louisa.

Contestants on the show, which is aired on Channel 5 after having previously been on Channel 4, were joined by another housemate.

The last laugh as Tommy brings down the curtain

Comedian Tommy Munden is retiring after more than half a century in showbusiness. He talks to MARK ANDREWS

THE irony is not lost on Tommy Munden. "Parkinson's is probably one of the worst diseases a comedian can have," he says.

"I'm now a stand-up comedian who can't stand up for long."

After more than half a century making the people of the Black Country laugh, Tommy Munden is finally calling it a day. "It's funny, I was thinking about three years ago, when it was all going along nice and steady. 'How will it finish? Will I wait until the phone stops ringing?'"

The phone never did stop ringing. He rounded off a busy last year with the Black Country Christmas show at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

But 15 months after revealing he had Parkinson's, he is now coming to terms with the news his performing days are over.

"The thing I will miss most is the folk I work with. I have been very lucky, I have had some good audiences – one or two bad ones, as most comedians do – but on the whole they have been very good."

A born showman, Tommy put on his first performance at the age of four or five in the entry to his parents' terraced house in Halesowen.

Backdrop

"I put up a curtain at the back which I would use as my backdrop. That was my first performance."

At school, he had a knack for keeping classes amused with stories he had made up, and he later performed in fundraising concerts for Hasbury Methodist Church.

"A chap called Alan Bissell persuaded me to have a go on my own, and he wrote me a sketch, and before you knew it we were doing clubs and Rotary dinners."

In the early days his no-swearing, teetotal act was the source of some fascination on the



A born showman – comedian Tommy Munden is finally calling it a day

club circuit. "Word got around: 'Tommy Munden. Black Country comedian. Never swears. No smutty jokes. Drinks orange juice.' In the early 1970s he joined the Black Country Night Out show, performing with Dolly Allen and Doug Parker, poet Harry Harrison and folk singer Jon Raven."

In 1979 the Black Country Night Out show went on tour in Canada, but Tommy was not part of it due to his job as a lorry driver for Dudley Council. "They told me I could take a month's holiday from work, but I wouldn't get paid."

He says the highlight of his career was performing in front of a packed Symphony Hall a few years ago. "I remember walking out on the stage. If you can get a few laughs at the beginning, it builds your confidence,

and when 2,000 people started laughing it was wonderful." Not that it has all been plain sailing. He recalls playing the panto dame at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre in 1993. "The first time I did pantomime, in 1992, it was great, I was the Squire of Dudley, performing with Roy Barraclough," he says.

Disastrous

"But the second one was disastrous," he muses. "They asked me to be a dame, but that isn't my scene. As soon as I started putting on the women's clothing I knew it wasn't me. I did a couple of performances, but I couldn't carry on."

Comedy legend Ken Dodd has spoken of his admiration for Tommy, who he got to know while researching local landmarks for



Funnymen – with Ken Dodd at Dudley Concert Hall in 2005



Tommy in 1977



At a pub reopening, 1995

Photographs pull in the punters

A PHOTOGRAPHER from the Black Country has proved a hit with art lovers in Beijing with his latest exhibition.

More than 3,000 people are believed to have visited "The Black Country", by Brian Griffin, who grew up among the factories of Lye, near Stourbridge, when it was on show at the Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing.

It has already been displayed at the College des Bernardins, Paris before runs in Walsall and Birmingham.

Student's create Olympic torch

STUDENTS have been recognised for their Olympic spirit in Stourbridge by creating their own torch.

Glasshouse College, Amblecote, became national winners in the Spirit of the Torch competition run by Loyds TSB.

Staff and pupils helped make their own torch using skills they learned during classes at the college in Wollaston Road. It has been specially engraved reading Glasshouse College Olympics 2012.

Charity abseil at Dudley Castle

A CHARITY abseil will take place at Dudley Castle to raise money to help sick and disabled children in the Midlands.

Fundraisers will be dropping down from the castle on September 9. There will be entertainment for families.

Money raised will go to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party Charity, which funds days out for poorly and disabled youngsters.

Chance to hunt for the treasure

CHILDREN can hunt for hidden treasure this summer at a beauty spot near Stourbridge.

The summer treasure trail, at Nimmings Wood car park in the Clent Hills, will take place on July 24 and 31, and August 7, 14, 21 and 28.

For more details, call 01562 712822 or email laura.broadhurst@nationaltrust.org.uk

Dinner dance

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I REFERRED recently to the weather forecaster who warned us that things were "murking up". A reader writes: "Isn't murking up what Georgie couples do after a row?" Why, aye.

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A FRIEND who was seriously ill is better and I found myself weeping at the news. It is a strange thing but we blokes can hold back the tears when coping with most things, but not relief.

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A READER asks, if "appearance-related discrimination" became illegal, as some MPs are suggesting, and you could be punished for calling a fat person fat, what will happen to people who sell mirrors?

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ANOTHER TV taboo broken, another frontier crossed. I refer, of course, to the boss-on-the-toilet scene in last week's Episodes (BBC2). Nice work by the sound engineers.

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A CHURCHGOING reader believes he may have the solution to the famous infestation of bats which has closed St Hilda's Church in Ellerburn, North Yorkshire. He suggests: "Baptise them. You'll never see them again."

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NO-ONE should be surprised that Whitehall is moving the car-tax goalposts.

First, it adjusted car tax to reward lean, green little vehicles. The result is that some car owners now pay no road tax at all.

Now it emerges that, tucked away in the small print of the Budget is a hint that the tax thresholds will be adjusted "to ensure that all motorists continue to make a contribution to the sustainability of the public finances." This is not a party issue. Labour and the Tories are past masters at so-called fiscal drag, the art of leaving taxes at the same level but lowering the threshold at which we pay them.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

String of memorabilia fills Pete's music shop

Only 73 speeding cameras still used

JUST 73 out of 305 speed cameras in the West Midlands are still in use, claim new figures.

Funding cuts and rising costs of processing old-style film have taken their toll.

Police are now being forced to move equipment between bases in areas where speeding is at its worst. The budget from councils for speed cameras was slashed by £750,000 last April, leaving West Midlands Police to foot the remaining £1 million with funding from the Highways Agency.

West Midlands Police spokesman Gina Lycett said: "There are 305 fixed speed camera housings across the West Midlands area. Of those 73 are in use."

"West Midlands Police classifies cameras as either red, amber or green, depending on the danger levels of the road. We also have white sites. The grading is based on a combination of collision and speed history. The green and white sites are not currently used. This year 13 sites not used last year are being utilised based on the yearly statistics."

Torch on show

OLYMPIC Torchbearer Chris Platts, from Amblecote, will be showing the torch to visitors during a summer fair at Dudley and Kingswinford Rugby Club, in Swindon Road, Waltham on June 24 from noon to 4.30pm.

A Dudley shop packed with memorabilia offers a rare glimpse into musical history. ANDREW TURTON reports

WELCOME to First Floor Vintage in Stourbridge's Lower High Street run by veteran singer-songwriter Pete Boddie.

Guitars and records are crammed alongside posters and signed photographs dedicated to some of the biggest names in American music.

Racks of records, dating back decades and many in their original sleeves are tightly packed in rows. There are Stetsons, cowboy shirts, old turntables, books and videos almost too bewildering to comprehend in one glance.

The 67-year-old musician has been a fixture on the local pub and club circuit since the mid-1960s and can often be found strumming his guitar among the organised chaos of the unique store-come-museum opened 18 months ago.

It was born out of Mr Boddie's hobby after the collection outgrew his Wollaston home.

"All this was at home before, hidden around in different rooms until the wife said it was time to get it out the house," he says.

Clicked

"So I started with the main room with the guitars which was sort of a half museum and display and half sale. Then I brought the vinyl down and I think that clicked with people."

More than 70 guitars, mandolins and ukuleles sit around the walls and floor of the store's largest room.

Among his most treasured possessions is a 1962 National Studio 66 Res-o-Glas guitar owned by bassist John Entwistle, from The Who, which was sold at auction following the band member's death in 2002.

Another special purchase was a 1955 Gretsch Country Club guitar signed by country music



Musician and store owner Pete Boddie at First Floor Vintage which is crammed with memorabilia

icon Willie Nelson which takes pride of place. It is thought to be worth around £2,250 and comes complete with original case. The instrument was bought on the internet from a dealer in Nashville.

"I started with Rock 'n' Roll of course but I was influenced by watching cowboy films on Saturday mornings. That's when I started hearing country music, and it doesn't get much bigger than Willie Nelson," says Mr Boddie.

While some items in the collection are not for sale, others including many Gibson mandolins have been bought by musicians in recent months.

He also has a 1990s Ibanez guitar signed by Hollywood star Dan Aykroyd and a Martin ukelele which had been carried through war zones including Korea and Vietnam, by a Sgt L.K. Loo, who had written the places he served in between 1955 and 1969 on the inside of the case.

Mr Boddie's fascination with classic American fashion designers such as Nudie Cohn who is famed for creating a gold lame suit for Elvis

Presley and other clothing for actors and singers Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and British music icon Elton John.

Mr Boddie, who is married to Lynne, first found his love of music with friends at the former King Edwards VI grammar school in Stourbridge in the late 50s. "Two or three of us were into the music and we got together and at 15 formed a rock and roll band," he says.

Mercedes

Their gig was at the old Midland Red garage social club - now home to the Mercedes car dealership on Stourbridge ring road. "We had to carry the amps and the guitars on the bus. We were mainly self-taught, I had a few lessons but I can't read music," he says.

He also started his own country music club at The Garibaldi pub, Cross Street, Stourbridge. Mr Boddie gigged around the area with a country band for about 12 years.

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Safari park expansion proposals

THE PROPOSED expansion of West Midlands Safari Park, which bosses hope will maintain it as one of the region's top tourist attractions for decades to come, is moving closer to reality with detailed plans now due to go before council bosses.

A key document outlining plans for the site and how it can be development over the next decade will now be considered by Wyre Forest District Council.

Major developments are in the pipeline for the Bewdley attraction and the proposals are outlined in a document.

The brief must first be adopted by the district council before any work can go ahead.

Officials for the park said work has now been completed on the brief and, after final checks, would be sent to the authority for consideration.

Due to the scale of the developments, a final decision is not due to be made until the end of the year.

If successful, the first formal planning applications for developments at the site would then be submitted in early 2013.

Among the schemes included in the document are plans for a hotel.

Knit and chat

A KNIT and natter group has been set up at Dudley Cancer Support at the White House, Ednam Road every Thursday.

The first session is on June 28 from 10am to noon.

Big refurbishment of zoo's chairlift enters final stages

WORK on the chairlift at Dudley Zoo is heading towards its final stages ahead of it opening to the public for the first time in 12 years. Scaffolding has now been erected on the lift ahead of final painting work being carried out.

It is expected to reopen in late July after more than £100,000 has been spent on the project, which includes shot-blasting and repainting of the 42 chairs and refitting all 76 wheels in the roller mechanism.

The chairlift is to be painted in its original cream colour. It follows the removal of 16 layers of paint. The painting work is expected to take six weeks, when the scaffolding will be removed and the final repairs are carried out.

The chairlift was the first passenger-carrying aerial ropeway to be installed in England, and transports visitors from the zoo's lower zone to the 11th century castle on the upper level, in a two-minute journey, offering panoramic views across Sandwell to Birmingham, and travelling directly over flamingoes, llamas and rare breed sheep grazing below.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "We have all the original drawings, and despite its age the changes mainly centre on cosmetic refurbishment where the chairlift has suffered exposure to the elements, and slight modification to the T-bars on the chairs. It's a fantastic piece of machinery."

10th raid on boat firm

A FIRM storing a £1.3million powerboat in Brierley Hill has been raided for the 10th time this year.

Thieves broke into Micklewrights and took six alarms. They got in through fire damage following a suspected arson last month at the premises at Thornleigh Trading Estate.

The raid means adventurer Alan Priddy must now wait another week to restart work on his boat, Accomplish More, which he hopes to use for a round-the-world record attempt this year.

But time is tight and Mr Priddy and his team must now work more hours per week for the boat to be ready by November 3.

There have been nine other raids this year, with thieves taking metal and cabling.

Mr Priddy said: "I'm so, so disappointed - these thieves are holding up any work on the boat. I'd rather they came to me and asked for £100 than to break in and delay work further."

Director Andrew Micklewright said they felt helpless to stop the burglaries.

Projects

It comes as the zoo invests around £3 million in projects to improve the 40-acre site over the next four years.

A new £40,000 walk-through Penguin Bay attraction housing the zoo's 60-strong group of rare Humboldt penguins has already been launched.

The chairlift was opened in 1958 by comedian Richard Hearn, who played the madcap character Mr Pastry and John Price, was one of the first to ride it.

The design is similar to those in ski resorts and one of three in the UK with the others in Derbyshire and the Isle of Wight.

Pauline piles off the pounds



Pauline Winwood, of Halesowen, with a pair of her old jeans. She lost more than four stone in time to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee



Pauline before losing the weight

A HALESOWEN slimmer who used the Queen's Jubilee as inspiration had a double celebration after losing more than four stone.

Pauline Winwood, aged 32, managed to lose almost 60lb from January in time for the Queen's diamond celebration.

Pauline, of Clancey Way, set the target after reaching 19st 8lb after Christmas - she now weighs 15st 5lb.

She celebrated the jubilee and weight loss with a party. She said: "I thought about the Diamond Jubilee and how good it would be to set a target and lose the weight for that."

NEWS in brief

Event offering range of advice

RESIDENTS will be able to try their hand at karate and belly dancing at a community event in Dudley later this month.

It will be staged from 11am to 5pm in Buffery Park on June 23.

Alongside the activities, staff from Job Centre Plus and Dudley Primary Care Trust will be on hand to offer advice to residents.

Police responsible for the town's St Thomas ward will also be there to give crime prevention and safety advice.

The event has been backed by police.

Nordic walking through parkland

NORDIC walking sessions will be held in Halesowen parkland later this month.

Walkers will be led around Leasowes park, off Mucklow Hill, by trained guides for the twice weekly events. People can use their own Nordic walking poles for the ramble.

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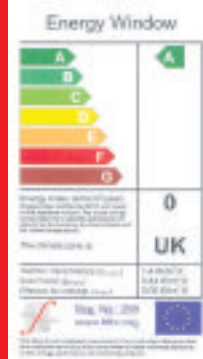
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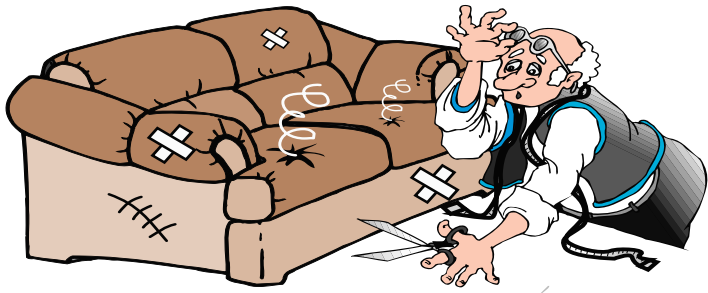
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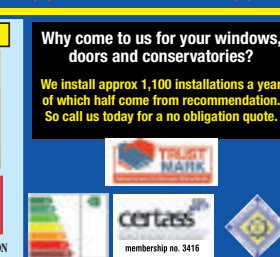
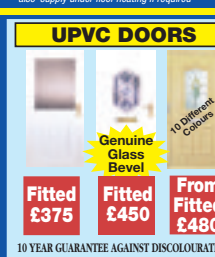
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Home's failing standards puts future in jeopardy

A CARE home in Dudley is facing an uncertain future after a critical report. Summerfield Care Home, in Wellington Road, was found to be failing five standards.

Health watchdogs criticised all five essential standards of care and safety looked at in a report published by the Care Quality Commission.

Inspectors discovered elderly patients at the home, some suffering with dementia, living in unclean conditions, resting on mattresses and armchairs which "smelled offensive" and were "stained in body fluids".

The report also uncovered a lack of suitably qualified care staff that, despite prior warnings, had failed to address shortfalls in the protection of patients' health and wellbeing.

In response, the CQC said it was taking action against the home, which has 38 residents. A spokesman said: "We are taking action to protect the welfare of people using this service. While the law does not allow us to go into detail at this stage, we will publish a full report."

"Any regulatory decision CQC takes is open to challenge by a registered person through a variety of internal and external appeal processes."

Dudley Councillor Steve Walther, said he believed the health watchdog was starting steps to close the home. He said: "We have met with the CQC in the last few days in regards to the future needs of people at Summerfield Care Home."

The home is run by Merron Care Limited. No-one from the firm was available for comment.

Staff raise abuse funds

SUPERMARKET staff in Kidderminster have raised £3,100 for a charity supporting victims of domestic abuse.

The money raised at Sainsbury's over the last 12 months will go to Stonham Domestic Abuse and Homelessness Prevention. Customers had voted for the store to support the charity for a year. During the year, employees put on fundraising events.

Music class nominated



Ceri Whiston with pre-school children Oliver Satterthwaite, Felix Price-Burns, Arthur Foxall and Charlotte Rikunenko at the Rhythm Time class

A CLASS which helps mothers bond with their children through music has been nominated for a national award.

The Rhythm Time class, held weekly in Stourbridge and Halesowen, has been shortlisted in the Favourite Pre-School Activities Awards run by website Netmums.com.

A branch also meets in Tettenhall,

Perton and Penn, Wolverhampton. Parents in the community are now being asked to vote for the class.

The winner will be announced on June 21. Classes are held across the area, including Norton Community Centre, Stourbridge, Wollaton Methodist Church and Hasbury Methodist Church, Halesowen and St Andrew's Church in Wall Heath.

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Skills which built UK are gone

IT SEEMS inconceivable the country that in 1956 became the first in the world to build and operate a commercial nuclear powered reactor at Calder Hall could even need to consider foreign contractors to build the next generation of nuclear power stations that we are told are essential to this country's needs.

The government tell us no British company has the money or the will to tender for this work;

I believe the truth is we no longer have a workforce capable of undertaking such a project. This has come about partly by successive government's

believing that Britain's prosperity lay in banking and the money markets, and we all know where that got us.

Another reason is the lack of young people going into engineering. This again is caused, partly, by thousands of firms unable to compete with cheap imports from abroad going bust.

We as a nation must take some blame for the influx of, on the whole inferior products, starting as far back as the fifties with us choosing to buy cheap toys and electrical goods made in Hong Kong thus hastening the demise of many British companies.

This trend of accepting cheap

imports instead of the Made in Britain mark has ultimately led to the state we find ourselves in today.

I like many in the Black Country spent most of my working life in the metal bashing industry. Over the years I witnessed the growing importation of cheaper and inferior foreign steel along with the closure of most of our steel works. Might I suggest this government starts a massive training program for engineering and science skills while we still have people with the knowledge to pass on.

JOHN H LONG
Woodsetton

Authority's dog ban at festival just ridiculous

RE: DOG ban imposed by Wolverhampton Council on the Wolvestock Country Music Festival in East Park.

This ban is a complete nonsense.

My dog and lots of others have been going to Wolvestock and other country music festivals for years and there have been no problems with noise affecting dogs.

There are no bangs or fireworks at this event and it is not a loud pop festival.

People come to Wolvestock from all over the country to camp and for the two days and if they haven't heard about the ban are they going to be turned away having come so far?

I suggest the council should judge each festival on its merits and give more thought to the subject.

M JONES
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Where were all the MPs at the flotilla?

I, LIKE millions more, watched the splendour and the pageantry of the Queen's Jubilee flotilla on the Thames on TV and a wonderful spectacle it was too.

Throughout the four or so hours of the coverage of the tribute to Her Majesty the Queen, my family and I amused ourselves by playing a game called spot the Politicians.

Try as we might, we failed abysmally, none of us being able to spot a single prominent member of Parliament in the, albeit huge crowds that lined the route. I did manage to spot Pippa Middleton in one fairly long shot, but then she would stand out in a miss World competition, wouldn't she?

Where was the Prime Minister and other high-ranking government ministers? I find it beyond belief that Tony and Cheri Blair did not contrive to secure a place at the very least on the Royal Barge. Thankfully Kenneth Clark was nowhere to be seen, he would probably have dropped off to sleep before they reached the first bridge. On the whole, a brilliant sight, but a total disgrace that HM Government showed little or no support for it.

B PARSONS, Coseley

Report does not give full picture

CONCERNING the financial problems and redundancies at Stafford College reported recently. My dad is one of those 86 lecturers facing redundancy.

My dad fears his reputation as a Gas & Plumbing Lecturer could be tarnished because of this report indicating that departments were being closed down because of poor results as identified by Ofsted.

However, this is misleading, not all departments were failing in their results. My dad taught Level 2 and 3 Gas and Plumbing over a 4 year period where he had a 100 per cent success rate and Level 2 Plumbing was in the top ten in the country.

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Action over old building

ACTION is set to be taken on a derelict building in Dudley that residents say has become a magnet for vandals.

Complaints have been made to Dudley Council about the building in Wolverhampton Street.

Fencing has become damaged and an outbuilding at the back has been broken into. But the authority says the issue is being addressed.

A report to the next meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee says: "Environmental Health officers are chasing up the owners and agents to undertake the necessary repairs."

One-way scheme will go

A CONTROVERSIAL one-way system in Dudley that caused an outcry from residents will be scrapped 18 months after it was introduced.

Locals say the system in Parkway Road causes gridlock and has made their lives "hell".

Dudley Council transport chiefs have agreed to make the street two-way again – and the plans now need to be approved by councillors. The work will cost £9,000. More than 400 locals signed a petition and even referred the issue to watchdog the Local Government Ombudsman.

They claimed they had not been consulted on the changes. The road is set to be reopened to two-way traffic if the

plans are given the go-ahead by councillors. The proposals will first go before Central Dudley Area Committee this week and, if approved, will then face a vote from the full council in the autumn. The work is estimated to cost £9,000.

Complained

Parkway Road was made one-way in January 2011 after some residents complained it was being used as a rat-run.

Bill Chambers, aged 75, of Fullbrook Road wrote to the ombudsman claiming the views of residents were not taken into account before the road was made one-way.

His campaign was supported by ward councillor at the time Malcolm

Davies, who helped collect the petition. Queues have been stretching along Grange Road, which joins with Parkway Road and runs from busy Salop Street.

Motorists who used to cut through Parkway Road to Himley Road now have to make their way further up Grange Road.

Mr Chambers said: "This was such a stupid thing to do in the first place – hardly anyone wanted this system but they went ahead and did it anyway. It has made our lives hell. There was a lack of consultation and it wasn't fair."

A report to the committee says a safety audit carried out at the site highlighted a visibility issue when exiting from Parkway Road into Himley Road.

Sailor sparks off major rescue alert after race

AN EXPERIENCED sailor from Stourbridge sparked a major rescue operation involving lifeboats and a helicopter after failing to return to shore after a race.

Richard Westbury set out from Saundersfoot Bay, in Pembrokeshire, Wales, aboard his Moth sailing dinghy for the race.

But the 42-year-old, who is very experienced and has been sailing since he was child, was unable to return to shore after encountering high winds, rain and large waves which crashed against the vessel.

A heavy fog also descended making conditions even more difficult for the security engineer.

Unknown to Mr Westbury an emergency call had been put into Milford Haven

Coastguard reporting his disappearance.

Coast rescue teams from Tenby, Manorbier and Llansteffan were dispatched along with all-weather and inshore lifeboats from the Tenby RNLI.

An RAF helicopter from Chivenor, North Devon, was also sent.

Mr Westbury, of Norton, was found, uninjured, nearly an hour later some three miles off Pendine Sands.

"I was not aware of being in any particular danger until the fog suddenly parted and there was the helicopter hovering overhead," he said.

"Shortly after the boats also came through the fog and then I realised it was perhaps more serious than I thought."

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Dental practice to shut due to poor standards

Glass cone is crowned



Michele Gulliver with the artwork which has been given a royal makeover

A METAL and glass vine climbing the side of one of Dudley's top tourist attractions has been given a Royal makeover.

The piece at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone was created by Bromsgrove artist and jeweller Michele Gulliver for the 2006 International Festival of Glass.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee, additional vines, flowers and leaves, topped off with a crown, have been

added. Michele worked with two of the Cone's resident artists, glass lampworker and beadmaker Sarah Jones and fused glass artist Jane Ellis to make new glass inserts for the flowers and glass jewels for the crown.

Local blacksmith Bob Colley, who co-designed and installed the Cone's popular glass curtains artwork worked with Michele to install the new vine and crown.

A PRIVATE dental practice has been ordered to shut down after failing to comply with the required standards of quality and safety because used instruments were left in a kitchen sink.

The Care Quality Commission said it had cancelled the Smile Dental Clinic in Brierley Hill's registration.

This was the first time the commission has taken such a step against a dental practice after inspectors discovered gaps in records relating to patients, medicines that were out of date and the kitchen area was being used for sterilising instruments.

The autoclave machine, used for sterilising equipment was not working at the time of the inspection.

Inspectors had also asked to see patient records but not all of them could be located and were told the missing documents could have been in the dentist's car.

One person's records were found in a file belonging to a different patient.

When inspectors were shown audits for infection control, records and patient safety these were dated 2010 and related to another surgery the dentist had worked previously.

A notice of decision has now been served by the commission removing the clinic, in Embankment Hill, from the providers' conditions of registration.

Officials said Seyed Jalal Mir Haghighi Jalali was no longer registered to operate a dental clinic from that site. He would have to register afresh to set up elsewhere.

Mr Jalali was unavailable for comment.

Cash from country night

A COUNTRY and western night in Hagley raised £1,200 for charity, say organisers.

It was the fifth time the event, hosted by The Rotary Club of Stourbridge, had been held in the town. Among the performers were Bev Pegg and his Cowboy Band. The money will be donated to good causes, including the RNLI. The event was held on May 16 at Hagley Community Centre.

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Pamela at the age of two



Pamela at the age of 17



Pamela and John Fellows



Cheryl's grandparents Sid and Marie on their wedding day

Recalling the heartbreaks, laughter and dangers of living during wartime

SCRAPES with death, romance, heartbreak, spies, humour and bizarre experiences all feature in a West Midlands woman's account of her mother's life on the home front in Worcestershire and Birmingham during the Second World War.

Imagine you are 15, you have just heard war has been declared and your father loads three bullets into his First World War revolver, pledging that if the Germans come he will shoot you, your mother and himself.

That's just what happened to Pamela Wheeler, in the deathly hush after she heard Neville Chamberlain's frightening broadcast, at the Woodman Hotel in Clent, near Stourbridge, which was then kept by her parents, Sidney and Marie Wheeler.

Now aged 87 and living in Worcester Road, Bromsgrove, Pamela – whose surname is now Moore – has recounted her



by Louise Jew

memories to her daughter, Cheryl Vines, from Stourbridge, who has written a 128-page book.

It all started when Mrs Vines, aged 64, of Bridle Road, Wollaston, who used to own Wallflowers interior design business in Blakedown, near Kidderminster, took her mother back to the former Woodman Hotel, now called the French Hen, in Bromsgrove Road, Clent.

Experiences

"As we walked across the car park she said 'this is where I saw David for the last time'," said Mrs Vines, the author of Pamela's War, the moving account of her mother's wartime experiences.

"David was an older boy, aged about 24,

who she had fallen for at 17 after a kiss on the car park and he fell in love with her.

"But he was a pilot and was killed in a Spitfire accident. She wasn't allowed to mourn – and it was the same for everyone.

"I thought I must write all this down and got a dictating machine and started talking to my mother about her life. I suddenly realised I'd got a book."

At the time war broke out "aliens" such as Italians and Germans were being imprisoned and Pamela's father recognised the accent of a man who had come to the bar.

Mr Wheeler, previously a butcher in Birmingham, decided to send his daughter on a spying mission, following a group of German customers to the house where they were living on the pretext of buying vegetables for the hotel.

Mr Wheeler then reported them to police and they were all arrested.

Later in the war, the business failed and Pamela, a former Stourbridge Girls High School pupil, and her parents moved to a

mansion flat at Five Ways, Edgbaston.

"They couldn't find the key to the air raid shelter because the caretaker was in hospital with incendiary burns – so when there was an air raid my grandfather told everyone to lie on the floor at the bottom of the flats," said Mrs Vines, whose book is now on sale at Waterstones branches as well as on the internet.

"The air raid shelter took a direct hit but all the residents survived, although the flats were damaged."

Destroyed

After their home was destroyed by German bombs, the family stayed with friends in Quinton and Hagley and Pamela had to work at a factory at Edgbaston.

Later, she worked in the Women's Land Army in Broome, near Hagley.

She met and married John Fellows, who was posted to Canada in the RAF, and gave birth to her first child, Christine, in 1945.

History Press has now published Mrs Vines's book about her mother's war.



Cheryl with the book

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Showing a touch of glass



Barbara Webb with glass blower Malcolm Andrews at the centre FORMER workers at a world famous glass factory in Stourbridge are being asked to share their memories, photographs and artefacts as part of a £2.1million project.

They will be used in the new Webb Corbett Visitor Centre being built on the site of the old factory in Wollaston Road, Stourbridge.

It will tell the history of glassmaking and form part of the new Glasshouse Arts Centre which will be used for art exhibitions and events and will also provide training for future glassmakers. Heritage staff are now calling on former

workers of Webb Corbett, other glassmakers and residents to help them collect and preserve memories and artefacts.

They will be able to share their photographs and stories at an event on June 16.

During the Reflections Day at The Ruskin Glass Centre, Wollaston Road, there will be the chance to preview some of the exhibition.

Former chief glassmaker at Webb Corbett, Malcolm Andrews, who worked there for 30 years, said: "It's great to see the old buildings getting a new lease of life."

A COWBOY roofer who charged an elderly man more than £2,300 to replace one tile and clean some guttering has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Jonathon Smith, of Coseley, also tried to get another man to pay £2,850 for sub-standard work, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

The 24-year-old had already carried out repairs for one resident, in his 80s, and then returned 18 months later claiming further work was needed. The "vulnerable" man, agreed to pay £2,350 up front for the work.

The resident, of Hilary Drive, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, agreed to pay the money after Smith knocked on his door in January 2011 claiming the cold weather would damage the work he had done to the roof tiles.

Mrs Suzanne Hill, for Trading Standards, told the court three men worked on the roof and left the man with no paperwork.

After the man became concerned and reported Smith, experts found he had only replaced one tile and cleaned the guttering - work which should have cost £90.

Smith, of Ettingshall Road, traded under the firms Tile Seal UK and JS Home Improvements. In February last year he was reported by another man after doing work at his home in Grosvenor Way, Quarry Bank.

Smith was handed a 24-week jail sentence, suspended for 18 months, ordered to carry out 300 hours of unpaid work. He must pay £2,350 in compensation and £4,485 costs. Smith admitted six charges of fraud charges and seven of engaging in a commercial practice which is a misleading.

Third time lucky for team

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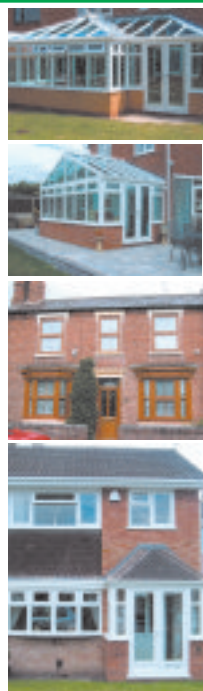
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Delight as road closed



A £135,000 scheme to stop flood water gushing into homes on a Halesowen estate are to be unveiled, environment bosses have said.

Around 20 homes in Grange Crescent, Halesowen, were affected in two major floods within three years, prompting pleas for action.

Midlands Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and Dudley Council agreed to help fund the works.

Higher flood walls have been created by the Environment Agency to withstand water levels during rain surges.

The banks of the River Stour have also been bolstered after temporary running repairs were made two years ago following floods in 2007 and 2009.

Environment Agency bosses admitted the threat of flooding still remains but said they had done what they could to reduce risks.

Agency project manager John Hedderman said: "We have worked closely with local residents and our partners to deliver a scheme that will minimise the effects of flooding and reduce the damage it causes."

"Our flood schemes help prepare communities against future increases in flooding and a changing climate."

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transportation, said: "Working closely with the Environment Agency, we have been able to make some significant improvements to the area."

Oak and ash trees have been planted along the river bank as part of the initiative for the area.

Online services survey

Residents in Worcestershire and the Wyre Forest district still have time to have their say on services through an online survey.

Worcestershire County Council wants people's views on a range of issues. Residents can access the Viewpoint Survey through www.worcestershire.gov.uk/viewpoint. Residents first need to register. The survey will run until June 22.

FED-UP community leaders in Dudley have come up with a last-ditch measure to stop motorists using an illegal rat-run through a neighbourhood - close the road.

A working party of ward councillors, residents and police has agreed to the trial part-closure of Blackacre Road after previous attempts to stop it from being used as a rat-run failed. Motorists are only permitted

to use the busy road to access homes, but thousands of commuters flout the law to get from the B4171 to the Dudley Southern Bypass every day. The decision follows years of campaigning from families.

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Battle between council and 'chuggers' rages on

LOCAL Government bosses have waded into the row between charity street collectors and Dudley Council, claiming agreements are needed to allow them to continue in the town.

Charity fundraisers are locked in a fight against Dudley Council chiefs over their decision to make collectors carry a permit.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Association representing the collectors, known as charity muggers or chuggers, says the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

But Dudley Council has ruled they must carry a licence - and the PFRA is now using a national review to argue its case.

Now the Local Government Association has entered the row and recommended working with the PFRA to co-regulate street fundraising.

In Wolverhampton an agreement has already been drawn up allowing the collectors in Dudley Street on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Victoria Street on Wednesdays.

In its submission to the national review, being run by Lord Hodgson, the LGA says it has "committed to further work with the PFRA to promote the voluntary agreement option to councils and increase awareness of the other key elements of self-regulation, such as the code of conduct".

The submission calls for "flexible powers" to allow councils to be able to create the most "effective solutions for their local area".

Clampdown is working

CALLS about anti-social behaviour have dropped in Dudley since a police clampdown on troublemakers.

In March, officers were granted the power to move on groups causing a nuisance in the Castle and Priory area.

Dispersal orders, which will run for six months, were put in place and cover 31 streets and will run until September 25 in a bid to reduce the number of reports of anti-social behaviour.

Patriotic people party



At Wordsley Green Community Centre, from left, Janice Simms, Margaret Bull, Joan Holloway, June Richards, Bill Leech and Josy Penko

AN OVER-50S club got together for a patriotic afternoon of dancing and entertainment to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The group, of Wordsley Green Community Centre, Wordsley, near Stourbridge, danced to tunes from the 1940s and 50s and a special cake with red, white and blue roses was also made. It was rounded off with

renditions of There'll Always Be An England, Jerusalem and God Save The Queen before enjoying a fish and chip lunch.

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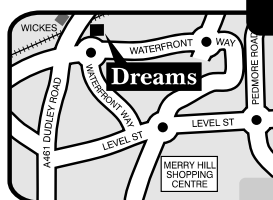


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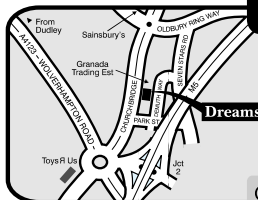
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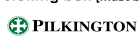
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Jan's help for social enterprise

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OUR May speaker was Jan Golding, chief executive of Roots HR, the only human resource consultancy that is a social enterprise.

The company, founded in 2008, provides consultancy to not-for-profit organisations, predominantly charities, clubs and associations as well as schools, youth organisations and even MPs.

Since the age of six, Jan had been interested in the world of business and wanted to be a professional women with a business suit, briefcase and company car.

Her career began as an Avon Rep before moving on to the television rental company Granada, a software company and a hotel chain during which time she gained HR qualifications.

When based in Exeter, Jan was aware of the city's homeless people and worked as a part-time consultant for a charity helping those with alcohol and drug problems.

Using her experience, she concentrated on running the business side and helped reduce the waste of hard won donations.

Since moving to Kidderminster, Jan founded Roots HR. She feels passionately about helping civil societies achieve positive, trusting and professional relationships with staff which result in the development of the organisation.

CLUB NEWS

Guild joins in the festival of flowers



Members of Sedgley Evening Guild with the flower arrangement they designed

SEDGLEY EVENING GUILD

THE guild was proud to display its flower arrangement in All Saints Church, Sedgley, as part of the church's God Save the Queen Flower Festival.

The subjects represented events during the Queen's reign and ours was Farewell to Hong Kong with artefacts on one side from Great Britain and China, such as the Union flag and the Chinese dragon. It was a splendid event with all the groups and associations in Sedgley contributing. The next

meeting will be a celebration of the jubilee and in July there will be a talk on Greyhound Rescue in July.

August is the annual outing and meetings will recommence in September with a talk by The Monologue Man.

The guild meets at Sedgley Community Centre on the third Monday in the month at 7.15 pm.

Busy few months lie ahead

A BUSY time is anticipated over the next few months, including having a stall at the Party in the Park, the Wednesbury Carnival, and the annual afternoon tea in August with homemade food being provided members.

Members enjoyed hilarious entertainment provided by comedian David Bartley's

WEDNESBURY GUILD

An evening of Black Country Poetry and Banter.

Committee members recently enjoyed, a meal at the Wolverhampton College Restaurant and intend to pay another visit soon.

An evening of nostalgia was provided by Ian

Edwards with a selection of film memorabilia.

Beautiful weather added to the enjoyment when members celebrated the guild's 26th birthday by visiting the March Hare at Houghton Brackett for lunch, followed by a pleasant afternoon in Stratford-on-Avon.

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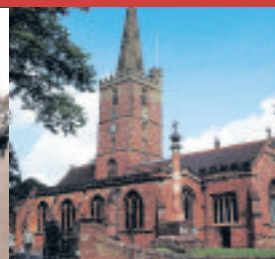
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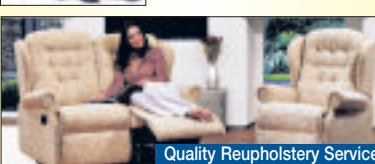
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Study over car parking

A FEASIBILITY study is being carried out on plans to build a multi-storey car park in the heart of Dudley.

Traders have long called for more parking in the town centre and council chiefs announced the car plan earlier this year.

Despite a change in administration at the authority following the elections in May, bosses have said the scheme remained in the pipeline.

Regeneration chief Councillor Shaikat Ali said the authority was now looking at the feasibility of such a scheme.

Monument to hospital

A MONUMENT to staff and patients at Stourport's former Lucy Baldwin Hospital will be built as part of a new housing development.

Detailed plans for 41 new homes on the hospital site, off Olive Grove, have been lodged.

Work could get under way on the scheme in September if the proposals by developers Taylor Wimpey are given the go-ahead. They want to demolish the main hospital block in Olive Grove and build 37 houses, with a mixture of two, three and four bedroom properties planned.

There would be a range of semi-detached and terraced homes in the development. A report submitted with

the proposals says the main hospital building is in "a very poor, semi-derelict condition."

A former lodge on the site, which is locally listed, will be retained and converted in four one-bedroom apartments.

The plans went on display at a consultation event at the Brinton Arms in Bewdley Road in April.

Sensitive

Around 60 people attended and residents said they wanted the development to be "sensitive to legacy of the hospital".

David James, from design firm Barton Willmore, says in the planning documents: "A small monument has been designed, retaining the plaque

from the original building, which will be displayed on site."

Many of the residents were in favour of the plans although some of those living in The Ridgeway were concerned some of the new houses would be too close to existing homes.

Changes have now been made to the boundary of the development and extra car parking spaces have also been added bringing the total to 78.

The former maternity hospital, named after the wife of Bewdley-born Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, closed in 2004.

The plans have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council and are set to be considered within the next two months by councillors on the planning committee.

College embarking on £1.3m expansion drive

A POPULAR sixth-form college has announced a £1.3million expansion project to create extra classrooms on the site of a former nut and bolt factory.

Bosses at King Edward VI College in Stourbridge want to knock down the old De Saulles building in St John's Road and construct a two-storey teaching block in its place.

It would house a specialist mathematics hub for the 500 students who study the subject every year.

The project is being funded by the college, which is based in Lower High Street, with the help of a Government grant of around £675,000.

Director of admissions and learning support, Peter Gray, said: "We're investing

to expand our campus and allow more space for our students and upgrade our teaching facilities, to build upon the outstanding results our students achieve."

"This will be our specialist maths hub, in recognition of the increasing trend for students to study maths A-level."

"The college offers five distinct A-level courses in maths, and close to 500 students study maths at the college each year, very successfully."

"Having recently upgraded our A-level science labs and many of our teaching rooms we're really excited about this opportunity to create a modern learning environment from scratch."

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But vet Jo Day said: "It will be worth it because it's heart-breaking to see very poorly pets come in the practice suffering from diseases that we know could easily have been prevented, just with a vaccination."

"Quite often people will vaccinate puppies and kittens but don't realise they have to have a booster every year."

Vets4Pets scheme targets cats and dogs that have not been vaccinated before. The first 100 owners can have the first jab free and the second starter vaccination at £10.

Choir will perform at summer concert

COMMUNITY choir Got 2 Sing will perform at Kidderminster's Glades Arena on June 23. Singers of all ages will perform a variety of numbers during the Summer Spectacular concert.

There will be a mixture of modern songs, motown and popular gospel numbers from 7.30pm. The evening will finish with an end of show sing-along in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Kidderminster tenor Russell Painter will also be performing as special guest.

The concert will be raising money for Kemp Hospice, which is based in the town and this year's marks its 30th anniversary. Lord Digby Jones will be the MC for the evening. Got 2 Sing performed in Bewdley to welcome the Olympic Torch on May 24.

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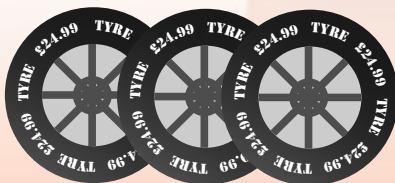
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Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "This really is an excellent scheme which will provide help and assistance for local residents during a difficult time."

"The working partnership between Dudley Council and the Citizen's Advice Bureau will offer free, impartial advice to anyone threatened with homelessness."

"I hope that everyone who is in difficulty will take full advantage of this scheme."

Call 01384 816499 or visit a local Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Stepping up the campaign to get toilets reopened

THE BATTLE to reopen public toilets in a Dudley village is to be stepped up after campaigners said it made no sense for such a busy shopping hub to have no facilities.

More than 300 residents signed a petition earlier this year. It called on Dudley Council to restore the conveniences in Abbey Road, Gornal.

SVR adding new events

NEW events are being added to Severn Valley Railway's annual 1940s weekends which have proved a massive hit in previous years.

Railways chiefs are hoping this year's affair will be no exception.

New events have been added to the agenda - including a re-enactment of a 1940s wedding and a replica RAF operations room. Traditional events such as vehicle displays will also be staged.

The weekends will be held on June 23 and 24 and June 30 and July 1.

Residents furious as third mast bid backed

PROPOSALS for a phone mast almost 60ft tall near a newly-built housing estate in Halesowen have won the backing of planning officers. However, residents are furious at what would be the third mast in the area should it be approved.

by Andrew Turton

Residents and councillors have voiced their fears over effects on health with three masts near homes as well as concerns the structure will blight the area and devalue properties. Two masts, one operated by Orange and 3 and the other by Vodafone and T Mobile, already stand on the land.

The latest mast for Banners Lane would have six antennas on top, each measuring around 8.5ft, with a 49ft high pole. More than 15 letters of objection have been lodged with Dudley Council regarding the application by Telefonica UK.

But planning officers have recommended the scheme for approval in a report ahead of Dudley Council's development control meeting next Monday.

Ward Councillor Bob James said the masts were "unsightly" and would not welcome another on the same site. "I think to put masts up near residential homes is

totally wrong," he said. "Of course at this stage there is no evidence of the health effects of these masts on people and these concerns can't be considered for planning applications anyway but it still should not be right to have them close to where people live. There are many locations that they could have put a mast up where it would not affect residents' homes."

Implications

In letters to Dudley Council, residents said they were worried about health implications as well as feeling it would create an eyesore. Agent Jodie Kane, of WFS Telecom which is acting on behalf of Telefonica, says the mast is needed to address "very specific 2G and 3G coverage requirements" in the Hasbury area.

School celebrating its second glowing report



Front, Krishna Mistry and Cameron Turley, centre, Ritika Rana, back, Kalbir Dhesi, Ryan Kearns, head-teacher Russell Hinton and Stacey Stokes

STAFF and pupils at a Dudley special school are celebrating after it was rated "outstanding" by Ofsted inspectors for the second year in a row.

The Brier School in Kingswinford received the highest possible rating with teachers being praised for helping children to learn at "a rapid pace and achieve challenging targets." The inspection was carried out on May 1 and 2 and follows one which took place in 2008. Inspectors observed 18 lessons during the two-day period.

The report says: "This is an outstanding school as a result of leaders' high expectations inspiring staff to work resolutely and ensure pupils' outstanding achievement and the excellent promotion of their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development."

Olympic kits are on offer for groups Specialised books are at library

COMMUNITY groups can get help organising Olympic-themed celebrations with a pack being offered by Dudley Council.

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Groups can request a pack by registering online at communitygames.org.uk or by calling the Black Country Consortium on 0845 815 1515.

A RANGE of tactile and multi-sensory books are now available in Dudley borough libraries to support people with learning disabilities.

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New fishing season

ANGLERS from across the region can head back to Dudley borough's designated fishing pools for the start of the season.

Timley Hall and Park's great pool will reopen on June 16 for the start of the new fishing season after being closed for three months. The annual closure helps maintain fish stocks by encouraging breeding and protecting nesting water birds.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade. **1.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **1.15** Tennis from Queen's. **5.30** A Question of Sport. (R)
6.00 **Pointless Celebrities.** Konnie Huq, Lionel Blair and Angela Rippon take part in the general knowledge quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman.
6.50 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.
7.10 **Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012.** Czech Republic v Poland or Greece v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Gary Lineker presents one of the final Group A matches, which take place in Wroclaw and Warsaw respectively.
10.00 **BBC News:** Weather.
10.20 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.**
10.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll as a dotting mother-of-six who constantly interferes in her children's lives. Agnes Brown tries to mend her son's relationship. (R)
11.00 **Live at the Apollo.** Alan Carr hosts the stand-up show at London's Hammersmith Apollo, introducing routines by comedians Andi Osho and Patrick Kielty. (R) National Lottery Update.
11.45 **Film: The Uninvited.** (2009) Premiere. A teenager released from a mental institution begins to suspect her mother's death in a fire was not an accident. Thriller, starring Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel.
1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.10** Escape to the Country. **12.40** **Film: Anatomy of a Murder.** (1959) **3.15** **Film: Goal II: Living the Dream.** (2007) **5.00** Flog It!
6.00 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the squad get into a scrape while chasing a runaway barrage balloon. (R)
6.30 **Trooping the Colour Highlights.** The best moments from the military parade when the Colour was trooped by 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards to mark the Queen's official birthday.
8.00 **Into Orbit: A Culture Show Special.** The concept and creation of the ArcelorMittal Orbit, a gravity-defying sculpture and observation tower built to commemorate London 2012, which stands 377ft above the Olympic Park.
9.00 **Film: The Young Victoria.** (2009) In the early years of the queen's reign, she is drawn into a power struggle and falls in love with her cousin and eventual husband. Period drama, with Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend.
10.40 **TOP2.** A selection of archive performances, including Wham!, Supertramp, the Jacksons, ELO, Hot Chocolate, and a previously unshown appearance by Emeli Sande. (R)
11.40 **Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer.** (2006) A mentally unstable perfumer's apprentice in 18th-century France resorts to murder to capture the perfect scent. Period thriller, with Ben Whishaw.
2.00 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** **Film: Agatha Christie's Murder in Three Acts.** (1986) **3.15** **Film: Thunderball.** (1965) **5.40** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.50** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 **Primeval.** New series. The team battles a giant burrowing insect causing chaos across the city, while Philip hires a lab assistant for Connor. Sci-fi adventure, starring Ciaran McMenamin.
7.00 **You Cannot Be Serious!** Alistair McGowan presents the topical entertainment show mixing clips, sketches and impressions based on the week's biggest and most talked-about sporting events.
7.30 **All New You've Been Framed!** Another selection of footage filmed by viewers on their camcorders and mobile phones, featuring a day in the life of "Prince Harry" and boys getting up to mischief.
8.00 **Agatha Christie's Poirot.** Schoolgirl Jennifer Sutcliffe becomes embroiled in a mystery when priceless jewels are hidden among her belongings. (R)
10.00 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.15 **Euro 2012: Highlights.** Czech Republic v Poland and Greece v Russia.
11.15 **Take Me Out.** (R)
12.15 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.20** In Plain Sight. (R)
3.05 **ITV Nightscreen.** **5.30** **ITV Morning News.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. (R)
7.00 **British F3.** **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Rock of Ages: T4 Movie Special. **9.30** T4: Cheryl: T4 Special. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea: End of Season Party.
11.05 T4: Revenge. **12.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Barry Dickman hosts the final dinner party in Nottingham, hoping his Greek-themed night, complete with traditional food, will be enough for him to win the competition. (R)
6.25 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **4thought.tv.**
7.00 **Film: Sister Act.** (1992) A nightclub singer is sent to live in a convent for her own protection after agreeing to testify against a brutal gangster. Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel.
9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1 million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
10.35 **Film: Patriot Games.** (1992) Political thriller, starring Harrison Ford.
12.55 **Film: Dawn of the Dead.** (2004) **2.30** **Enough.** (R) **2.35** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **4.05** This is JAG. (R) **4.10** Farewell Packets of 10. (R) **4.15** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.05** Grudge Match. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.05** Big Body Squad. (R) **11.05** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.05** Emergency Bikers. (R)
1.05 **Film: Chief Crazy Horse.** (1955) **2.50** **Film: Calamity Jane.** (1953) **4.50** **Film: Bewitched.** (2005) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell.
6.55 **5 News Weekend.**
7.00 **Cricknet on 5.** England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the opening fixture in the three-match one-day series, as the sides met at the Rose Bowl in Southampton.
8.00 **NCIS.** Gibbs and DiNozzo investigate the case of a retired marine colonel found murdered with an axe, and find the evidence points to his drug-addicted son. (R)
9.00 **Big Brother.** Highlights of the most recent goings-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.
10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** A man accused of sexual assault is adamant that he contacted the woman on a fantasy rape website, leading the detectives to suspect the victim's ex-boyfriend of setting her up. (R)
11.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** The team takes on four challenging cases – a nightclub shooting, a prostitute found dead in a hotel, a man electrocuted in his bath and a corpse wearing an alien costume. (R)
12.00 **SuperCasino.** **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.45** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Match of the Day Live: Euro 2012. Czech Republic v Poland or Greece v Russia (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Live at the Electric **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Blue Planet **8.00** Elegance and Decadence: The Age of the Regency **9.00** Spiral 2: Gangs of Paris **10.50** Entertaining the Troops **11.50** Top of the Pops: 1977
ITV2
3.45 **Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial** (1982) **6.00** **Film: Nanny McPhee** (2005) **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments **9.00** **Film: Bridget Jones's Diary** (2001) **11.05** Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights
ITV3
2.30 Wycliffe **4.05** **Film: Murder, She Wrote: The Last Free Man** (2001) **5.55** The Butlin's Story **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** **Film: Parenthood** (1989) **10.30** Lewis
ITV4
4.25 **Film: The Last Sunset** (1961) **6.45** Minder **7.45** **Film: Any Which Way You Can** (1980) **10.00** **Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life** (1983)
E4
3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** Revenge **5.05** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** **Film: The Full Monty** (1997) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** The Ricky Gervais Show
Film4
3.20 Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **5.30** P'Tang Yang Kipperbang (1982) **7.05** Drilbit Taylor (2008) **9.00** Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) **11.05** The Beast Stalker (2008)

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David Tennant (left)

True Love
BBC1, 10.25pm
When actors are asked what attracted them to a certain role, they usually insist it was the strength of the writing. However, the big names in this new series can't use that line, as they didn't even see a script. So, maybe it was the chance to work with Bafta-winning director Dominic Savage convinced them to sign up for True Love. It explores five overlapping love stories, all set against the backdrop of the same town. The first focuses on Nick (David Tennant), who appears devoted to his wife Ruth and their children – until his first love Serena reappears.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 11.00 Country Tracks (R) Weather for the Week Ahead 12.00 Sunday Politics 1.00 Bargain Hunt (R) 2.00 Tennis from Queen's: The Final 5.00 Lifeline 5.10 Points of View 5.25 Songs of Praise
6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
6.30 Countryfile. The team visits the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team return to Birmingham University, where items of interest include jewellery that once belonged to Princess Margaret, and a silver travelling set.
8.30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries. Lynley searches for a mysterious red-haired woman in connection with the disappearance of a diabetic schoolgirl and a youngster found drowned in a lake. Nathaniel Parker stars. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
10.25 True Love. New series. Nightly serial, beginning with a drama starring David Tennant.
10.55 Match of the Day: UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. Denmark v Germany and Portugal v Netherlands.
11.45 Film: Alpha Dog. (2006) Fact-based crime drama, starring Emilie Hirsch. Denmark v Germany and Portugal v Netherlands.
1.35 Weatherview. 1.40 Sign Zone: Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry. (R) 2.40 Holly City. (R) 3.40 The Great British Countryside. (R) 4.40 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) 11.00 Rowing 12.30 Live MotoGP 2.30 Film: The Four Feathers. (2002) 4.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.00 Match of the Day Live. England v Netherlands (Kick-off 5.15pm).
7.15 Flog It! Anita Manning and Philip Serrell cast an eye over goods in Lancaster, and Paul Martin visits Morecambe Sands with Gedric Robinson. (R)
8.00 Secrets of Our Living Planet. New series. Chris Packham reveals the connections between species living in some of the world's most diverse ecosystems, beginning by exploring the web of life in the Amazon.
9.00 Coast. Exploring the stories and histories of Britain's beaches, including the pebble-pools of Dungeness in Kent, sand art in Jersey and a steelworks at Port Talbot. Last in the series.
10.00 Mock the Week. Dara O Briain is joined by guests Nathan Caton, Greg Davies and Micky Flanagan for another round of the satirical news quiz. (R)
10.30 Episodes. Merc wants Matt to get one of his former Friends cast members to appear on Pucks!, and LeBlanc asks Sean and Beverly to write his speech for the forthcoming Man of the Year event. (R)
11.00 Film: The Hours. (2002) Three women in different eras suffer similar personal crises, all linked by Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs Dalloway. Drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Meryl Streep.
12.50 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITY: Mini CITY 7.25 CITY 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 12.25 ITV News: Weather 12.35 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.35 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.35 Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 4.30 Doc Martin. (R) 5.30 The Chase. (R)
6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.35 ITV News: Weather.
6.45 Emmerdale. Cain tells Chas he thinks Cameron is having an affair after asking him about his "weekend in Jersey". Ashley is devastated to hear Laurel wants a divorce.
7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Portugal v Netherlands (Kick-off 7.45pm). Adrian Chiles presents coverage from the MetLife Stadium in Kharkiv, Ukraine, where the teams play their final match in Group B.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Film: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) A banker wrongly jailed for his wife's murder forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate and conceives a unique escape plan. Drama, with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
12.50 The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. 2.55 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Thruxton, featuring the sixth round of the Gineetta GT Supercup. With commentary by Richard John Neil and Simon Hill. 3.45 ITV News. 5.30 ITV Morning Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People. (R) 6.15 Ironman 2012. 6.40 Football Short: Kingsmeadow. 7.05 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens "Warrior". (R) 7.10 Cycling. 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 Film: Speed 2: Cruise Control. (1997) 4.20 Deal or No Deal. 5.20 Time Team Special: Rediscovering Ancient Britain.
6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv. An atheist discusses how prayer lost its importance to him.
6.55 The Political Slot. Conservative Party plans to provide more support for parents.
7.00 One Born Every Minute. A midwife arrives on the ward in labour, but her hopes of a water birth are dashed when complications force a change of plans. (R)
8.00 Come Dine with Me. Four people host dinner parties in Windsor, Berkshire.
9.00 Film: My Sister's Keeper. (2009) Premiere. A teenager who was conceived to be an organ donor to her dying elder sister seeks legal separation from her parents. Drama, with Cameron Diaz and Abigail Breslin.
11.10 Film: Little Miss Sunshine. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Toni Collette.
1.05 Camelot. (R) 2.00 The Tannery. (R) 2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.05 Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Night Swimmer". (R) 4.10 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.05 Countdown. (R) 5.50 Glamour Puds. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.35 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.05 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.35 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.30 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.25 Big Brother. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.30 Film: Last Action Hero. (1993) 3.50 5 News. 3.55 Film: Getting Even with Dad. (1994)
6.00 Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Once Upon a Time. Belle becomes a servant in the castle of Rumplestiltskin and before long develops feelings for him – but she cannot help worrying he is cursed with evil.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.
10.00 Film: Bad Boys II. (2003) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.
12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.45 Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D 7.20 Film: Rataouille (2007) 9.00 Plan B. Leona & Labrinth: Project Hackney 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Russell Howard's Good News
BBC Four
7.00 Behind the Scenes at the Museum 8.00 Timeshift: When the Circus Comes to Town 9.00 Make Me Happy – A Monkey's Search for Happiness 10.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper 10.30 Parkinson: The Tommy Cooper and Frankie Howerd Interviews 11.10 Timeshift: Hotel Deluxe
ITV2
3.00 Film: Dennis (1993) 4.50 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) 6.45 Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 Mark Wright's Hollywood Nights 11.00 The Exclusives
ITV3
3.55 Film: Forever Young (1992) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.05 Wycliffe. Pilot episode of the detective drama. 11.45 Cracker
ITV4
2.15 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) 4.55 Film: Escape to Victory (1981) 7.15 Euro 2012 Live. Denmark v Germany (Kick-off 7.45pm). 9.45 UEFA Champions League Greatest Matches 10.00 Film: Full Metal Jacket (1987)
E4
3.35 Glee 4.35 90210 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.25 Revenge 7.25 Film: Guess Who (2005) 9.30 Rude Tube 2012 11.35 2 Broke Girls
Film4
3.05 Ben-Hur (1959) 7.05 MirrorMask (2005) 9.00 The General's Daughter (1999) 11.15 The Black Dahlia (2006)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News: Weather. Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes: Weather. 7.00 Match of the Day Live. Euro 2012. Italy v Republic of Ireland or Croatia v Spain. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 True Love. 11.05 Chaplains: Angels of Mercy. (R) 3.20 Great British Menu. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Animal Park. (R) 1.30 Weakest Link. (R) 2.15 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.00 Hair Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 National World: Unnatural History of London. 9.00 King George and Queen Mary. (R) 9.00 Rescued. (R) 9.00 Monarchy. (R) 10.00 Sounds of the 70s 2 Punk - Anarchy on the BBC. 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Secrets of Our Living Planet. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 10.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News: Weather. 1.55 Regional News: Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R) 6.00 Regional News: Weather. 6.30 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Walton Sextuplets: Moving On. (R) 9.00 Benidorm. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather. 10.30 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 Euro 2012 Highlights. 11.35 In Plain Sight. (R) 12.25 Jackpot247: ITV News Headlines. 13.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'Lone Rider' (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents - Oscar Pistorius 'One Giant Leap'. (R) 1.10 Film: Damn the Defiant! (1990) 1.15 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Let My Dad Die: Channel 4 Dispatches. 8.30 Gok Cooke Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. (R) 10.50 A Short History of Everything Else. (R) 11.20 Random Acts. 11.25 Embarassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 12.00 The Grid. 1.25 The Big C. 1.55 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) 3.30 Friday Night In. (R) 3.40 Southland. (R) 4.25 St Elsewhere. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Rough Guide: Ultimate Escapes. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Monkey Life. (R) 2.50 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.05 Film: The Long Shot. (2004) Drama, starring Julie Benz. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 The Restaurant Inspector. A struggling roadside restaurant in Somerset. 5 News at 9. 9.00 Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the house. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Sons of Anarchy. 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Royal Ascot. 3.20 BBC News: Weather. Regional News. 3.25 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes: Weather. 7.00 EastEnders. 7.30 Holly City. BBC News: Regional News. 8.30 Inspector George Gently. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. National Lottery Updates. 10.35 True Love. 11.05 Match of the Day. UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. 12.05 Film: Highlander: The Source. (2007) 1.25 Weatherview. 1.30 Sign Zone: The Great Euro Crash with Robert Peston. (R) 2.30 Death Unexplained. (R) 3.10 Crime and Punishment. (R) 3.55 Great British Menu. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the opening afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 National World: celebrate the traditional British picnic. (R) 8.00 Ocean Giants. (R) 9.00 Great Ormond Street. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 The Secret History of Our Streets. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.50 Film: Stalag 17. (1953) Satirical PoW drama, starring William Holden. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 The Restoration Man. 10.00 All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. 11.05 Random Acts. Short creative films. 11.10 Extreme A&E. 12.10 Poker. 1.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 1.40 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 12.05 Beach Volleyball. 3.00 British F3. (R) 3.25 The Grid. (R) 3.55 Cycling. (R) 4.50 FIA GT1 World Championship. 5.45 Ironman 2012. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 Rough Guide: Ultimate Escapes. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Monkey Life. (R) 2.50 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.05 Film: Mary Higgins Clark's Pretend You Don't See Her. (2002) Thriller, starring Emma Samms. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Emergency Bikers. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Killers Behind Bars: The Untold Story. Professor David Wilson examines the murders committed by Peter Tobin. 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 5 News Update. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Royal Ascot. 3.20 BBC News: Weather. Regional News. 3.25 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes: Weather. 7.00 Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones. BBC News: Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 9.00 Silk. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 True Love. 11.05 Match of the Day. UEFA Euro 2012 Highlights. 12.05 Film: Possession. (2002) 1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 Sign Zone: Great Ormond Street. (R) 2.20 Fake Britain. (R) 3.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 Great British Menu. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Lifeline. (R) 1.40 Coast. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the second afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 National World: History of Our Streets. 10.00 The Culture Show. 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 The Meat Market: Inside Smithfield. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson 'Lone Rider' (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.45 Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens 'Warrior'. (R) 12.50 Film: Roman Holiday. (1953) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Secret Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 A Short History of Everything Else. 10.30 The Killing. 11.25 Random Acts. 11.30 2 Broke Girls. 12.00 Music on 4: Subculture. 12.15 Gignics. 12.35 Roots Presents: The Crips. 12.55 Benga: Intro. 1.10 Spotlight. 1.25 Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.35 Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) 1.50 4Play: Skinny Lister. 2.05 4Play: Graham Coxon. (R) 2.20 Film: How She Move. (2007) 3.50 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the third afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 National World: the vocal ranges of whales and dolphins. Last in the series. (R) 9.00 The Men Who Made Us Fat. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Hitler's Children. (R) 12.20 The Culture Show. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 Secret Removers. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) 12.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 1.00 Film: Conspiracy of Hearts. (1960) Second World War drama, starring Lilli Palmer. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Country House Rescue. Charing Cross. 9.00 The House of the 50s Built. Post-war changes in teenagers' bedrooms. 10.00 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 11.05 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 12.05 Random Acts. 12.10 A Ninja Is for Life. Not Just for Christmas. (R) 1.25 All in the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry. (R) 2.20 Let My Dad Die: Channel 4 Dispatches. 2.45 Time Team USA. 3.40 Ancient Egyptians. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Animal Park. (R) 1.50 Weakest Link. (R) 2.35 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 3.20 Royal Ascot. Further live coverage of the fourth afternoon of the five-day festival. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 7.00 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 8.00 Coast. British connections to the Tudors. 10.00 The Men Who Made Us Fat. 10.00 Shakespeare and Us. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Macbeth. the Movie Star - and Me. 12.35 Taken. (R) 2.00 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

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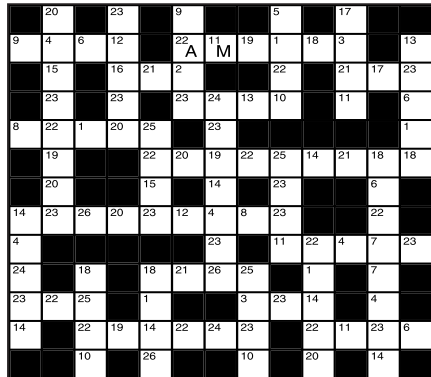
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
P	C	Q	E	I	F	L	U	K	S	A	O	J
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

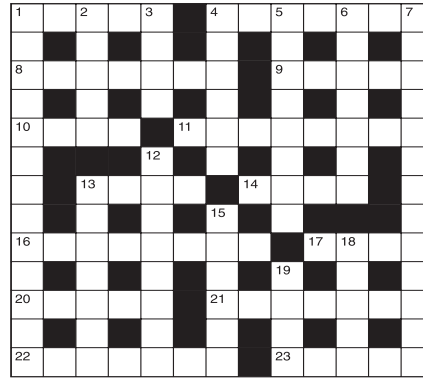
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A possibility of power? (5)
4. Break down, strangely enough! (5,2)
8. A plant holder! (7)
9. Fully consumed some pate upstairs (3,2)
10. The others take things easy (4)
11. Such a net may become loose (8)
13. This month in Westminster (4)
14. Thunderous applause? (4)
16. It's in one's attitude, for example (8)
17. Inevitably it comes in the form of a telegram (4)
20. Fish uncooked in the middle (5)
21. Furnish with a soft tip (7)
22. Keep changing dialect (7)
23. It enables you to say when (5)

Down

1. Unable to take your mind off things? (13)
2. As medals they're unbeatable! (5)
3. He's bound to be right (4)
4. Stop a letter giving settlement (6)
5. How a sale should be organised, all things considered (2,1,5)
6. Maintains one's position - and vies with the Jones's? (5,2)
7. Where strings are pulled to produce spectacular results (6,7)
12. Dies, alas, when attacked (8)
13. Just a moment! (7)
15. Not what one expects from a good writer (6)
18. A right that is strange (5)
19. Pick out the place (4)



Quick Clues:

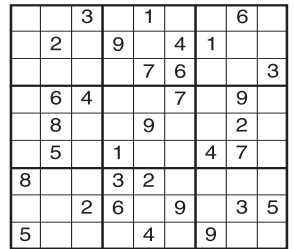
Across

1. Rage (5)
4. Defect (7)
8. Strain (7)
9. Frolic (5)
10. Leer (4)
11. Insulting (8)
13. Dumb show (4)
14. Muddle (4)
16. Reveal (8)
17. Brink (4)
20. Oneness (5)
21. Emperor's wife (7)
22. Fit of temper (7)
23. Devil (5)

Down

1. Certainly (7,1,5)
2. Cancel (5)
3. Greet (4)
4. Fruit (6)
5. Surrounded (8)
6. Stamp (7)
7. British naval hero (7,6)
12. User (8)
13. Errand (7)
15. Respect (6)
18. Vision (5)
19. Copied (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	3	7	6	5	9	8	2	4
9	2	4	3	8	1	7	5	6
8	5	6	7	4	2	9	3	1
3	9	2	5	1	4	6	7	8
6	4	8	9	2	7	3	1	5
5	7	1	8	3	6	2	4	9
7	6	5	4	9	3	1	8	2
4	1	9	2	7	8	5	6	3
2	8	3	1	6	5	4	9	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Certainly; 8 Oils; 9 Count down; 10 Mob law; 11 Ethel; 14 Terse; 15 Date; 16 Omega; 18 Eats; 20 Stout; 21 Eams; 24 Dearth; 25 Extrovert; 26 Inca; 27 Pendulums. Down: 1 Committed; 2 Elaborate; 4 Enow; 5 Tenet; 6 Indeed; 7 Lawn; 9 Cameo; 11 Ewers; 12 Labouring; 13 Went ahead; 17 Asset; 19 Sacred; 22 Novel; 23 Axle; 24 Drum. QUICK - Across: 3 Endeavour; 8 Loot; 9 Parsonage; 10 Covert; 11 Synod; 14 Divan; 15 Rill; 16 Gross; 18 Tear; 20 Trade; 21 Leash; 24 Beyond; 25 Bilateral; 26 Main; 27 Sterility. Down: 1 Elucidate; 2 Convivial; 4 Neat; 5 Essay; 6 Vendor; 7 Urge; 9 Prong; 11 Sloth; 12 Disavowal; 13 Attendant; 17 Steel; 19 Repair; 22 Seal; 23 Lift; 24 Bait.

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Separated by vertical beams and either side of the front door, the sitting and dining rooms have shuttered sash windows, high beamed ceilings and built-in cupboards, with the sitting room having an immense brick fireplace. Providing a good range of base

and wall-mounted units with original bread oven, the kitchen/breakfast room has integrated appliances including an Aga, microwave combi-oven with hob and dishwasher, with further space for appliances as well as storage in the adjacent utility/dairy. There is also a shower room on the ground floor as well as access to a cellar.

Ceilings

On the first floor are three bedrooms with wooden floors and high ceilings sharing a family bathroom, with a further room on the second floor currently used as an office with a small store room next door which could make a fourth bedroom with en-suite subject to the usual consents.

The Stocking is not far from Cleobury Mortimer with a range of services and amenities, with the

popular market town of Ludlow to the west and with more facilities for commerce, leisure and shopping in Kidderminster and Worcester.

Approached off a quiet country lane to a large gravelled parking and turning area, the property's gardens have been landscaped over the years and are largely laid to lawn to the front with herbaceous and flowering borders and a small orchard.

To the rear is a greenhouse and vegetable beds as well as a large grassed area with mature trees, as well as several small stone buildings currently used for storage.

There is also a further 2.18 acres of land to the north available by separate negotiation.

For further details, or to arrange a viewing, contact estate agent Strutt and Parker on 01584 873711.



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Been tastefully refurbished and close to Brierley Hill Town centre, is this large family terraced house, comprising of: Three Bedrooms, Spacious Lounge with Bay Window, Large Fitted Kitchen, House Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Driveway Parking, Medium Sized Rear Garden.

£595 PCM



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This detached house in a cul-de-sac location, and close to local shops and transport links, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Driveway Parking, Unfurnished.

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An unfurnished mid terrace house in a sought after location, briefly comprising of: Living Room, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, House Bathroom with Shower, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing and Rear Parking.

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Situated in a quiet location and within walking distance to Brierley Hill town centre and a short drive or bus to Merry Hill Shopping Centre is this ground floor apartment, comprising of: One Double Bedroom and One Single, Fitted Kitchen, House Bathroom with Shower, Spacious Lounge, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, One Allocated Parking Space.

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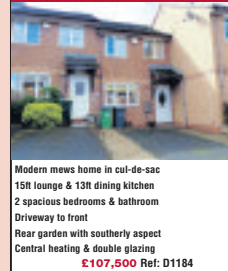

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Valentine's day ahead for Aston in title test

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston has been paired with Curtis Valentine for the vacant Midlands middleweight title on the Sky Sports bill in Sheffield next month.

Aston's first title shot will take place on the undercard of hometown hero Kell Brook's IBF International title fight on July 7.

Brook will take on Carson Jones.

"Tank", meanwhile, meets Valentine at the Motorpoint Arena in his first attempt at a pro crown, for the belt vacated by Leicester's Martin Conception after he hurt his knee.

Nottingham's Valentine has one fight fewer paid experience than his co-challenger and has lost twice in six contests.

Both were on points - to Alastair Warren and Erick Ochiong.

But the 31-year-old is a puncher with three stoppages from his four wins, with only Ryan Clark able to go the distance with him during that streak.

However, unbeaten Aston is also on a powerful streak.

Over the course of his seven straight victories there have been three KOs in his last four contests - two in the first round - halting Paul Samuels last time out.

Glassboys fizzing to play Bucks

STOURBRIDGE FC are to play host to a Telford side for the first time in more than 30 years.

The Glassboys have secured a home pre-season friendly against Blue Square Bet Premier outfit AFC Telford United.

The Bucks are managed by former QPR, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolves and England midfielder Andy Sinton.

The warm-up will be at the War Memorial Athletic Ground on Tuesday, July 17 with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Although it's three decades since a Telford side visited Amblecote, the Glassboys did travel to the Shropshire club in September 2010.

The occasion was a second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

The home side emerged as winners, 5-2.

Patel's unbeaten 52 steers firsts home

Smethwick 99-6, Old Hill 103-3. Old Hill won by seven wickets

OLD HILL took a comfortable Birmingham League Division One victory in a match cut to 30 overs a side by bad weather.

They won the toss and put the home side in.

Throughout the afternoon it was difficult for the Smethwick batsmen to keep a partnership together as Old Hill managed to take wickets regularly.

Nigel Davenport struck to take 3-19 and the remaining wickets were shared with Humais Butt,

Seb Soukup and Matthias Treu-berg taking one each. Smethwick closed on 99-6 after their 30 overs.

Old Hill had a good start to their chase as openers Mike Hingley and Nitesh Patel put on 58 for the first wicket.

Hingley fell to a David Banks catch off Imran Ali for 29.

Ali also accounted for Arsalan Mahmood (nine) while Ian Walker was run out for five.

But Patel carried his bat for an unbeaten 52 to ease Old Hill past the target with nearly four overs to spare. The firsts entertain Coven-

Old Hill CC

try and North Warwickshire on Saturday with a noon start.

Bridgnorth 139-7, Old Hill 142-4. Old Hill won by six wickets

The seconds won in similar fashion to the firsts, putting their opponents in after rain cut into the match and knocking off the runs.

The Haden Hill match was reduced to 40 overs, but Bridgnorth looked to be settling nicely into the game with opener Glenn Edwards in good form. Old Hill suffered a blow when skipper Mo

Javaid had to leave the field.

Ironically it was his replacement, 12th man Nathan Davies, who had a hand in the first wicket to fall when he caught Bridgnorth captain Harry Martin (nine) off the bowling of Bilal Mohammed and later in the game ran out Gregory Lewis.

It was to be Bilal's day and he took a further four wickets to finish with 5-26 as Bridgnorth posted 139-7 off their 40 overs.

After tea, Old Hill launched their chase in fine form as Shezad Aslam hit a superb 71 and found

support from Reece Shilcock (22) and Hamsar Ahmed (17).

Dan Brosnan (11 not out) and Dan Jones (seven not out) finished the job as Old Hill reached 142-4 off 31.3 overs.

On Saturday the seconds travel to Knowle & Dorridge (12.30pm).

The thirds' home match against Old Vigornians was abandoned, the pitch unplayable.

They go to Avoncroft on Saturday (1.30pm).

The fourths' trip to Malvern was also off, and on Saturday they play host to Hallow (1.30pm).

Griffiths cannot stave off a big loss

Birmingham League

HALESOWEN were dismissed for 101 on their way to a 68-run Division Two defeat to **Stratford-upon-Avon**.

The home side, boosted by 71 from Rob West, made 169-5 with three of the victims run out and Jack Warren getting the other two. Halesowen were skittled for 101 with Wesley Griffiths making 30 as Peter Wilson took 4-19.

In the top flight, **Kidderminster Victoria** secured a winning draw against **Shrewsbury** thanks to patient top-order contributions from Neil Pinner (61) and Zac Turley (64) in their 211-8.

Richard Kimberlin, Mark Mansell and Pinner all picked up two wickets apiece as Shrewsbury reached 200-7 in response.

Walsall's clash with **Wolverhampton** fell victim to the weather while Division One leaders **Wombourne** saw their match with **Dorridge** washed out.

Zone
Pirm Kalair hit an unbeaten 86 to help **Fordhouses** claim a winning draw against **Attock** to move out of the Division Two relegation zone.

Kalair top-scored in his side's 221-8 with captain Russell Thompson making 49 and Mitch Davies 45. Jatin Kohli took 3-49 and Chris Guest 2-66 as Attock ended the game on 203-8.

Brewood lost top spot in Division Two as they slid to an 87-run defeat to new leaders **Eastnor**.

Eastnor made 179-9 with Morne Heyneke taking 4-29 for Brewood, who collapsed to 92 all out.

A six-wicket burst from Matthew Briggs was the highlight as **Penn** claimed a 36-run victory over **Stourbridge** in Division Three.

Dan Bassett, top-scored with 69 in Penn's 182-9 and Briggs (6-32) and Adam Quiney (3-42) dismissed Stourbridge for 146.

Streety had to make do with a winning draw against **Lichfield** despite amassing a huge 303-7 with 127 from Shaun Findlay and 56 not out from Ben Griffiths.

Lichfield hung on at 175-8 in reply with Jonny Bassett-Graham hitting 49.

Wednesbury's match against **Aston Manor** was washed out.

Heathens riding high as they take cup lead

Dudley Heathens 60 Isle of Wight 32. INITIALLY carthorse, but finally thoroughbred, Dudley planted a big shoe into the National League Knockout Cup final.

The job isn't quite yet done - no second leg at the big Smallbrook circuit can be approached with total equanimity, 28-point lead or not. But after some occasional difficulty with the early fences, the Heathens showed their class by pulling away in the final furlong at 'Monmore Wood'.

Falls in the early stages for Ashley Morris - picking up grip on the fourth turn exit when well clear - Byron Bekker and Dan Greenwood threatened to curtail the home effort.

But each time one rider faltered, another stepped up to take the heat win and limit the damage.

And there was no better effort than the one Tom Perry produced to win the rerun heat nine after Bekker had clattered into the fence when on a 5-1.

Chased

Perry had almost turned in an inadvertent Frankie Detori-style flying dismount in heat five after smacking into the second corner kerb.

But here, timing his run superbly, he chased down Paul Starke and with a last-bend surge of total commitment got up to snatch the win on the line.

He rounded off with a drive up the inside in heat 15 to join Morris at the front for another 5-1.

The Islanders, with classy Golden Helmet holder Kyle Hughes and former Heathen Danny Stoneman both

Dudley Heathens

prominent, kept in touch for much of the meeting. But both their double-point tactical rides were beaten back, the first by James White-Williams and the second by Darryl Ritchings.

White-Williams, clearly unhappy with his steed in his first two rides, looked a different rider in his latter two and led the black and white helmeted Gary Cottham home in great style in heat eight.

But the biggest ovation came three races later. Hughes, going for double points, was expected to dice with Morris.

But the Heathen dominated and Ritchings, after a sharp start, rode some canny lines to bring Dudley the most welcome of 5-1 advantages. Roynon was again the class of the field with an untroubled maximum.

Dudley: Tom Perry 13+1, Ashley Morris 12, Adam Roynon 11+1, Darryl Ritchings 7+3, Byron Bekker 6+2, Dan Greenwood 6, James White-Williams 5+1.

Isle of Wight: Kyle Hughes 7+1, Danny Stoneman 6+3, Dan Warwick 6, Gary Cottham 5+1, Paul Starke 4, Ben Hopwood 3+1, Aaron Basey 1.

Jones is shut out of the Reebok after blunder



Mark Jones outside the Maypole Inn in Halesowen - his UK Open dreams were soon to turn into a nightmare

MARK JONES was eliminated from the PDC UK Open without throwing a dart after failing to register in time to play his third round tie.

Jones chucked away a guaranteed £1,000 in the process just for completing his scheduled fixture in the last 64 against Dennis Smith.

The mix-up began when Jones arrived at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton last Friday, only to be told by PDC officials he had missed the deadline to play that night.

Smith banked an additional £1,000 just for being in round four, where he was beaten 9-5 by Dave Chisnall.

Jones, meanwhile, was left kicking himself while the game took place on Saturday afternoon.

The Brierley Hill darter, who plays his pub darts at the Maypole Inn in Halesowen, was coming in at the third round stage after banking £2,500 in the UK Open qualifiers.

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Olympics spot for cycle ace Varnish

HALESOWEN ace Jess Varnish is set to star at the London Olympics next month after she was confirmed in Great Britain's cycling team.

The 21-year-old, a member of Halesowen Cycling Club, was named in the GB team alongside such stars as Sir Chris Hoy and Victoria Pendleton.

She said: "I'm more excited than nervous, I'm really looking forward to it all - it will be just great, so I just want to enjoy it."

Varnish, who struck gold with Pendleton at the London Track World Cup earlier this year, will again partner cycling's glamour girl in the team sprints and they will be favourites for the podium again.

And the daughter of former cycle speedway world champion Jim Varnish is looking forward to rooming with 'older sister' Pendleton in the Olympic Village.

"Victoria is my closest friend in the team - she's like an older sister to me," said Varnish.

"She's been there and done it, so she helps me with everything and it's just really nice to have her around."

Dartmouth slump to a paltry 70

Himley 205-7, West Bromwich Dartmouth 70.

Himley won by 135 runs DARTMOUTH firsts suffered a disappointing defeat at Himley.

They did well initially, restricting the home side to 205-7 in their 55 overs.

Nathan Round and ex-Worcester star Ben Smith each scored 46 with Ateeq Javid taking three wickets and Imran Khan two.

But Dartmouth's batsmen had no answer to Himley's excellent attack, slumping to 70 all out and defeat by 135 runs.

opener James Campbell's 21 was the highest score as Nick Harrison took 3-28 and Stuart Wedge 3-31.

There were two wickets for Mike Jones while Ashfaq Hussain bowled 10 maidens in his 11 overs in taking 2-2. The matches involving Dartmouth's second, third and fourth teams were all abandoned due to rain.

Dartmouth hope to return to winning ways when they visit Kidderminster on Saturday.

New boss talks of his Albion honour

by Steve Madeley

NEW Albion head coach Steve Clarke is 'honoured' to take over at The Hawthorns.

The 48-year-old penned a two-year deal to become the Baggies' new boss, succeeding England manager Roy Hodgson. And, having served as assistant manager at Chelsea, Newcastle, West Ham and Liverpool, Clarke is excited to finally be a No.1 at a Premier League club.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be given this opportunity," said Clarke.

"Becoming a head coach in my own right has always been an ambition of mine and I feel I have served my apprenticeship. I've done everything I could as an assistant.

"It's a process I've gone through, with a plan in mind to work as hard as I could alongside some of the best managers and coaches in the world, learning as much as possible from them, before stepping out on my own.

"I know from past visits to The Hawthorns how well the supporters back the team and joining a club of such stature is a real honour. I can't wait to get started."

Since beginning his coaching career in 1998, Clarke has worked alongside some big-name managers such as Jose Mourinho,

Sir Bobby Robson and Kenny Dalglish.

Clarke may bring in his own assistant - former Wolves and West Ham winger Kevin Keen has been sounded out - but Dean Kiely and Keith Downing will remain in their present roles.

"I've taken something from every manager I've worked with and I've felt ready to make the step up for some time," he said.

"I'm determined to make the most of it. I look forward to meeting and working with a very talented group of players."

Clarke says he plans to build on the solid foundations that have been laid by Hodgson.

"Albion strikes me as a friendly, really well organised club with a fantastic structure in place," he added.

"The chairman (Jeremy Peace) and Dan Ashworth (Albion's sporting and technical director) did a terrific job in selling the club's project to me."

Keen, aged 45, worked with Clarke at former clubs West Ham and Liverpool.

The Baggies boss will discuss his coaching staff with Ashworth when he starts work on July 4. But Albion have made it clear to Clarke that they would allow a new coach to join him at and Clarke is believed to have lined up Keen, who left Liverpool last week.

Jordanne gets place to play at Wimbledon

WHEELCHAIR tennis star Jordanne Whaley is heading to Wimbledon.

The Halesowen player, who has just turned 20, will partner Lucy Shuker in the women's doubles.

The pairing - plus Gordon Reid and Marc Carroll in the men's doubles - have been awarded wild cards for the tournament.

Both pairs narrowly missed out getting a place by right as the world's top three pairings received an automatic spot.

It's the second year running that doubles world No.8 Shuker and No.10 Whaley have played on the grass courts of SW19.

"I'm really looking forward to playing at Wimbledon again this year," said Whaley.

"The crowds there are always great to play in front of. Lucy and I have won two ITF1 Series doubles titles in the last month so we are confident of improving on last year's result of fourth."

The women's entries include recent French Open champions Esther Vergeer and Marjolien Buis of the Netherlands.

A total of £34,000 in prize money is on offer for the wheelchair tennis doubles competition which will be played from July 6-8.

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YELTZ KEEP STARS AS SIGNINGS ARE MADE

HALESOWEN'S star players Ben Haseley and Neil Barnfield will be complemented by two new signings as squad plans shape up at the Grove for next season.

Striker John Griffin and Bewdley Town midfielder Chris Seekins are the new faces for the Yeltz.

They join Haseley, who scored 10 goals after arriving in January, and Barnfield in committing their futures to the club for the upcoming season.

Midfielder Barnfield has been made captain after his loan spell from Leamington last season and turned down a higher-placed club to return to the Grove.

It's hoped that Haseley can strike up a formidable partnership next season with Griffin, who scored 15 goals for three clubs at the same level in the last campaign.

Retained

The former Stourbridge, Stourport Swifts and Evesham forward will come in with Seekins with a number of last season's squad having also agreed to stay for next season.

An option in Nathaniel Caines' contract has been taken up for another year, one of 12 who will be retained by the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One South side.

Paul Evans, Mark Smith, Brendan Kelly, Andrew Westwood, Reece Cotterill, Nathan Jones, Richard Hickenfield, Simon Flower and James Loney have all agreed new terms.

Jean-Michel Gueyes, Josh Drake and Spencer Blackham - members of last season's youth squad - have all been promoted to the

by Craig Birch

first-team squad after signing semi-pro forms.

Meanwhile, Halesowen Colts' under-nines and under-15s are on the lookout for new players for next season and trials are to be held over the coming weeks.

Despite back-to-back promotions, the under-15s want to add to their current lineup, which is bossed by Andy Baker with Ian Scott acting as assistant.

They play their home games at Wassell Grove and have been searching for players around the Halesowen, Blackheath, Cradley Heath and Quinton area.

The under-nines want to field a new team and have been placed in the Stourbridge and District Youth Football League for the new campaign.

All those dealing with both sides are experienced and fully-qualified coaches and the contact for the under-nines is Paul Kelsall on 07984 046 704.

Dealing with the under-15s set-up is Baker on 07989 773 941 or Scott on 07787 255 837.

■ Former Halesowen manager Algy Webb is recovering after a heart attack last week.

Webb was boss in the 1978-79 season before being succeeded by Paddy Page.

Note of caution after Heathens hailed



Byron Bekker gets too close a view of the Monmore Green safety fence in heat nine. The Dudley man was unhurt but has issued a sponsorship plea to businesses after wrecking his frame in the crash. The rider has suffered a desperate run of falls and problems with machinery.

Picture: John Hipkiss Photography

DUDLEY HEATHENS chairman Nigel Pearson hailed his side as they piled up a 28-point first leg lead in their Knockout Cup semi-final - but warned of a "different story" in the away fixture.

Dudley beat the Isle of Wight 60-32 and will face Mildenhall or Stoke should they safely negotiate the return.

Pearson, while delighted with the Monmore Green performance, sounded a note of caution, saying: "Obviously it will be a different story

down at Smallbrook because it's a big, fast track round a football pitch.

"I think we all agreed we would need a double-point cushion, 10 or 12. But to get this is tremendous.

"We have got to feel 'cautiously optimistic' to go down to the Isle of Wight on July 3 and get a cup final place, which would be a tremendous achievement for the club. Everybody stuck together; it was a solid team effort. We could have won by more. It's

almost as if, at some stage in the meeting, something just clicked for everybody."

Unbeaten skipper Adam Roynon was surprisingly stood down for the final race, but Pearson revealed that was for mechanical reasons.

"Adam didn't go in heat 15 because his engine was knocking a little bit," he said. "That was a precaution, but we got a 5-1 anyway.

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